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Zwitterionic polymers made by the techniques such as are described in WO-A-93/01221, may be blended with physically or mechanically desirable copolymers to provide blends which have good biocompatibilising properties. The level of zwitterionic monomer in the total blend is reduced, thereby rendering the product more cost effective than single component zwitterionic polymer products. Such blends are described in, for instance, [WO-A-93/02652] WO-A1-94/14897 and PCT/GB00/03985 (unpublished at the priority date of this application). PCT/GB00/03985 describes blends of MPC copolymers with higher alkyl meth-acrylate comonomers, blended with alkyl(meth)acrylate polymers. Such blends, co-dissolved in a suitable organic solvent may be coated onto a surface to form a coating having micro-domains of relatively hydrophilic and relatively hydrophobic character. The blends may express higher levels of phosphorylcholine groups at the surface than in the bulk of the coating. This should allow the properties of a substrate coated with the polymer to be tailored for particular biocompatibility.